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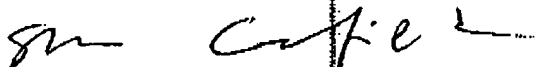
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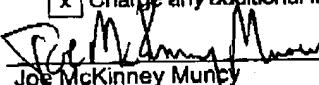
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Applicant(s): Hung-Wen SU et al.					
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOVING METAL FROM WAFER EDGE					
<p><b>MS Amendment</b>  <b>Commissioner for Patents</b>  <b>P.O. Box 1450</b>  <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.          The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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